

Confirmation No. 2834

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	AMTMANN ET AL	Examiner:	Dac V. Ha
Serial No.:	09/487,151	Group Art Unit:	2611
Filed:	January 19, 2000	Docket No.:	PHO 99,503
Title:	DATA CARRIER PROVIDED WITH AT LEAST TWO DECODING STAGES		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Customer No. 65913

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) please reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A complete Listing of the Claims, to include any amendments presented therein, begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow on page 4.

Authorization is provided to charge/credit Deposit Account 50-4019 any requisite fees/overages to enter this paper.